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SUBJECT: DEPUTY MINISTER SEMENOV'S STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1975

(SALT TWO - 794)

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY DEPUTY MINISTER
SEMENOV AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1975.

AT TODAY'S MEETING THE USSR DELEGATION INTENDS TO
DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN REACHING
AGREEMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE I OF THE JOINT DRAFT.

AS YOU KNOW, ARTICLE I WHICH CONCISELY EXPRESSES THE
APPROACH OF THE SIDES TO LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AGREEMENT BEING PREPARED, HAS BEEN UNDER
CONSIDERATION BY THE DELEGATIONS FOR A LONG TIME. AS A RESULT
OF POSITIVE EFFORTS OF THE SIDES, THE GREATER PART OF ARTICLE I
HAS BEEN AGREED UPON. MUTUAL ACCEPTABILITY OF THE AGREED
PROVISIONS HAS ALSO BEEN CONFIRMED AT THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL.

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THE PROVISION IN ARTICLE I ON THE OBLIGATION TO EXERCISE

RESTRAINT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS SO FAR REMAINS IN BRACKETS. THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSUMING SUCH AN OBLIGATION HAS BEEN ADDRESSED HERE, AND THE CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH ARE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE SIDES.

THE DISCUSSIONS HELD DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE IS MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SIDES ON INCLUDING IN THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT AN OBLIGATION TO BAN THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN NEW TYPES OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. THERE IS ALSO A WIDE MEASURE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONTENT OF INDIVIDUAL PROVISIONS SETTING FORTH THIS OBLIGATION IN SPECIFIC TERMS. AT PRESENT THE WORKING GROUP IS SEARCHING FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULATIONS FOR THE TEXT OF ARTICLE X ON THE BASIS OF CERTAIN PROPOSITIONS OF THE SOVIET SIDE, AS WELL AS FORMULATIONS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1975.

OF COURSE, OPEN QUESTIONS ALSO REMAIN, WHICH ARE STILL UNAGREED. BUT IN PRINCIPLE, THERE IS AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

THUS, NO OBSTACLES REMAIN NOW FOR ALSO REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE I, WHICH REMAIN IN BRACKETS.

THE USSR DELEGATION PROPOSES TO COMPLETE THE WORK OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF ARTICLE I OF THE JOINT DRAFT; THIS IS IN ACCORD WITH THE TASK OF MOVING AHEAD IN WORKING OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL THE END OF 1985.

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE VIEW OF THE U.S. DELEGATION ON THIS SCORE. KLOSSON

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